

ETHIOPIAN BASE TEMPTING

by Laura Gibney

"To turn Ethiopia into the Cuba of Africa is the primary objective of Russian involvement in that country."

Professor Haggai Erlich offered this analysis yesterday to the McGill Chapter of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

Erlich, a visiting professor from the University of Tel Aviv who is currently teaching at Concordia, discussed the relationship of Russia and Israel to the Horn of Africa (Egypt, Somalia and Ethiopia).

This region, he maintains, is the "strategic area" in the Middle East today. Ethiopia's borders are challenged from within the country as well from the outside.

In Eritrea (the northern province of Ethiopia) there exists a loose coalition of nationalist movements, led by the Eritrean Liberation Front and supported by Arab countries, fighting for the region's independence.

Another battle is being fought with the Western Somali Liberation Front which wants to reunite the Ogaden region with Somalia, a Muslim state that lost the area to Ethiopia in the late nineteenth century.

In spite of these revolutionary movements, Erlich believes the Ethiopian state is emerging victorious as a state under the administration of Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam. "With Russian aid," he says, "Mengistu has succeeded in rebuilding the Ethiopian army and in regaining Eritrea."

The Soviet Union, as an ally of Ethiopia, now has a naval base in the Red Sea. "This could be extremely detrimental to Israel," Erlich said, "as the Red Sea is the primary channel of oil into the country."

Israel was fully active in Ethiopia up until 1976," by "helping in the training of the Ethiopian army and managing certain sectors of civilian life." In 1973 Emperor Selassie had broken relations with Israel, but after his overthrow in 1974 the majors in the new military regime renewed relations between the two countries.

"Israeli contributions became less significant when the Russians stepped in in 1976, but the Ethiopian government wanted to retain some connection with Israel to show the Russians that they had another alternative available to them," said Erlich.

After Moshe Dayan's (foreign minister for Israel) remark that "Israel was still helping Ethiopia in 1978," Ethiopia completely broke off relations with Israel.

Erlich says "the ultimate aim of the Russians is to be involved in the Middle East to control Middle-East oil. The Red Sea is the most important channel of oil so they want a strong foothold there. They tried to gain a foothold in Egypt through investments in that country, but their attempt failed." They will, he believes, experience a similar disappointment in Ethiopia.

"They will fail because the Ethiopian people are extremely

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No, Bruce's guitar didn't backfire. That's just part of Springsteen's three-and-a-half-hour rock and roll show that Montrealers were treated to earlier this week at the Forum.

McGill Admissions:

Incompletes acceptable

by Sonia Sellan of The Georgian

McGill and Bishop's universities have been admitting students with incomplete CEGEP diplomas contrary to government policy, according to university administrators.

Anglophone universities had agreed with the Ministry of Education to restrict admission to students who had completed their Diplôme d'Etude Collegiale (DEC) but so far only Concordia has implemented the policy.

"The decision to make this change was basically because we felt that too many students, not all of course, were building last year's policy into a system," said Tom Swift, director of admissions at Sir George. "Some simply made it part of their plans to apply to university with these credit deficiencies and it was getting a little out of hand."

In the past, he said, Concordia admitted students with incomplete diplomas on the condition the student fulfill their requirements within one year. Many students, however, were ignoring this condition.

Peggy Sheppard, director of admissions at McGill, said the university has no plans on tightening up their policy.

"We don't feel it's right to make a student go back to CEGEP for one or two credits," she said. "I feel Concordia should permit these students in, and I'm not aware of any regulation which states that students must have a DEC to be admitted."

Though she had no statistics on the number of students with credit deficiencies admitted this year, she estimated them to be more than 100.

A top administrator at Bishop's in Lennoxville said though their policy is that students may be admitted with 22 or more credits, (a diploma requires 24 credits), he said it is not too much of a favour to the students to let them enter university in this manner.

He blamed the failure to insist on a complete diploma

on disorganization at Bishop's in the past year, adding that they are in the process of conducting a study on the matter and maybe next year have the policy enforced.

"You know, there are some rules that are printed and others that you follow," he said. "I think someone hasn't been following."

Concordia's policy, which was enforced for September admissions, is backed by most collegial and university administrators.

Peter McAuslan, director of admissions at Dawson College, has spoken to a top official at McGill who expressed disapproval at the stand taken by his university, and hoped it would change its mind and require a complete CEGEP diploma.

Describing the policy as "academically and administratively correct," McAuslan said there is no reason for McGill not to comply with the trend.

"There are not many good reasons for credit deficiencies," he said. "The majority of students have simply not put in the effort required and this kind of policy would, for one thing, make them realize the importance of their studies."

"I think Concordia is absolutely right in their decision and it would be more consistent for McGill to conform," McAuslan said.

"There was never any formal consultation with the CEGEPs concerning the matter but my continued on page 5

American novelist:

Cheever visits McGill

by Dee Horne

American novelist John Cheever read his "Death of Justina" and "The Swimmer" in the Leacock auditorium last



John Cheever:
no symbols

night. Professor Elliot of the English Department enthusiastically introduced Cheever by praising his previous works.

Cheever said that while he has visited several Canadian cities in the last couple of days, he does not "feel like I am in another country." One person later commented that, while Cheever read in a "clear, precise, concrete and ironic voice," his accent was distinctly American.

When asked whether Cheever could explain the symbolism, if any, in his stories, Cheever said, "no."

He did say that these two stories have been translated into ten or twelve different languages which he has read around the world. While "The Swimmer" was made into a movie, Cheever said he thought

"the film was dreadful," and claimed he had "nothing to do with the film but only picked up the check and went home."

Cheever later told the Daily that his novel *Falconer* was not as complex as some of his stories, but in general he writes about single men and their lives rather than social commentaries. He talked about the universality of literature but later said that while he has periods of "profound melancholy" about the world today, he is neither disillusioned with the United States nor the modern world.

When asked whether he was working on another novel, Cheever answered affirmatively but could not say what the book would be about as "a novel determines its own length and its own vitality."

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Begin's visit protested

by Molly Kane

Over 400 people gathered at Frank Dawson Adams auditorium Wednesday night to protest Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Canada.

The meeting followed a march down St. Catherine Street from Atwater to McGill College Avenue. Carrying banners and posters and chanting, "Begin, assassin" and "Palestin Vaincra", the line of marchers stretched for one city block.

After arriving at McGill, the group filed into F.D.A. for a speakers' program organized by the Coalition to Support the Palestinian People. The coalition included the Arab Students Association of McGill, The Canadian Communist League (Marxist-Leninist) and the Third World Peoples' Anti-Imperialist

League.

Guest speaker for the demonstration was Abdelkader Bernabdallah, Vice-president of the Canadian Arab Federation. "The establishment of the state of Israel was an arrogant and colonial act", he said. "We are not anti-semitic, we are anti-Zionism."

Bernabdallah spoke about the problem of Arabs living in the State of Israel. He compared the segregation practiced in Israel to the apartheid situation in South Africa.

"The Israeli government discriminates against Arabs, blacks, oriental Jews and Christians," he said. "Schoolchildren are indoctrinated at an early age with the idea of the 'superiority of the Jewish race.'"

Bernabdallah mentioned that Jewish groups are also speaking out against the discriminatory conditions. The

Israeli Human Rights League is especially concerned with segregation in medical facilities, housing, wages, jobs, and education.

"The Camp David talks were a blow to our cause," he concluded. "We must tighten our ranks to fight for a secular state in Palestine where Jews, Moslems and Christians can live together."

The president of the McGill Arab Students Association spoke of problems of Palestinians living abroad. "Palestinian students could not speak openly here tonight for fear of not being able to return to Israel."

Representatives of the GCL (ML) delivered a statement in support of the PLO and demanded that the "Canadian government recognize the rights of the Palestinian people and the PLO as their sole representative."



Over 400 people gathered in the Frank Dawson Adams Auditorium Wednesday. The Israeli policy of segregation in schools and hospitals was labelled discriminatory and compared to the system of apartheid that exists in South Africa.

News analysis:

The necessity of listening to protest

by Peter Elsworth

It is ironic that the demonstration at McGill last Wednesday to oppose the visit of Prime Minister Begin of Israel to Montreal should have occurred when the Iranian monarchy appears to be collapsing.

Ironic in the sense that, just as regular demonstrations by Iranian students in North America against the Iranian monarchy were ignored by a US Administration which continued to pour billions of

dollars into that nation, so the significance of demonstrations of the Palestinian people is being ignored under the clamour of news from the Camp David peace talks between Egypt and Israel.

This is in fact proving to be the current stumbling block of the peace negotiations between the two nations. Of the two "framework" accords to have emerged out of the Camp David talks, the first is a simple peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. The second calls for

a basis for a comprehensive peace, including a new status for the Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza.

It is the Israeli desire to eliminate from the preamble of the first treaty any "linkage" between that document and subsequent steps toward an overall Arab-Israeli peace settlement that is the core of the present problem. Mr. Sadat, sensitive to Arab charges that Camp David served only to produce a "separate peace" between Egypt and Israel, has

stressed that "the treaty should be accompanied by a commitment to progress toward realization of the other accord."

Whether this problem proves to be merely a temporary delay, or proves to be insurmountable, is most important to any future real peace in the Middle East. As King Hussein of Jordan stated in Germany recently, a peace between Egypt and Israel will not necessarily mean peace in the Middle East.

As the latest developments in Iran prove, to ignore

demonstrations, however far from their place of purpose, is to court disaster. The consistency of the Iranian student demonstrations in North America over the last two years should indicate what has become fact: that there was, and is, a serious lack of political harmony in that nation.

The demonstration in support of the Palestinian people here at McGill was unequivocal in its intention. Stressing that its aims were in no way anti-semitic, the main speaker, Abdelkader Bernabdallah, argued for the setting up of a secular state wherein Arabs, Christians and Jews could live in harmony with one another.

That much of the language was often polemic is essentially beside the point. The point is that the Palestinian people perceive themselves to have been expelled from their homeland by the force of Zionism. Just as the Jews themselves were once forced from their homeland, so the Palestinians now feel forced to wander, living and working in many countries around the world, but at home in none.

The important point is that, contrary to the impression gained from the mass media, the Camp David peace talks, even if ultimately successful, are only the first step in what will undoubtedly be a very long drama. To ignore the perceived plight of the demonstrating Palestinians in the same way as the Iranian demonstrators have been ignored would prove fateful.

Only through the conscious recognition of the claims of the Palestinian people for a homeland will the road to a real peace be found. There is no alternative.

Of immigrants and ignorance

by Rick Boychuk

This is a story about immigrants, or how to acquire a quick education, or both.

A phone call to the Daily from someone representing an immigrant organization set me thinking: what do I know about the plight of the immigrant? A quick canvass of the memory bank reveals a blank.

Motivated by curiosity and a thirst for knowledge (read: news copy) I request an interview. The person on the phone, Shirley Sarna, readily agrees.

I arrive for the coffee shop meeting with pen, paper, and profound ignorance of the issue. Sarna arrives with confidence and a woman named Stella (first name only to protect her identity) whom she introduces as an illegal immigrant worker.

The organization the two women represent has a name and an acronym as cumbersome as a diver's weights: The Organization for the Democratic Rights of Immigrants (OFDRI).

OFDRI, I am told, is the

product of an ad hoc committee formed to oppose the federal government's immigration legislation, Bill C 24. The legislation, passed in July 1977, was a general tightening of immigration policies. Students in particular were affected for the legislation removed the right of foreign students to acquire work permits.

The original committee was a coalition of interest groups that included the Indian People's Association of North America (IPANA), the Canadian Communist League (CCL), and the Anti-Imperialist Committee of the Third World. OFDRI still shares an office with the latter organization and maintains close links with the others.

The core concern of OFDRI is Bill C 24. They are dedicated to forcing its repeal.

Besides publishing reams of "down with" pamphlets denouncing all Canadian governments for their tacit or overt support of Bill C 24 the organization does provide useful services for the immigrant community. Free French courses,

legal aid, and information on the legal status of immigrants are three of their on-going programs.

OFDRI began with a membership of 20 and now claims 110 paid sympathizers. The growth has not been without a recognition of sorts.

"We are sure that with the growing scope of the organization's activities we will soon be under the surveillance of the Immigration Department" reasoned Sarna. Not wishing to scare any prospective members off she was quick to add "but we take serious measures to protect our immigrant members. Scared immigrants are exactly what the Immigration Department wants."

A hurried, huddled conference of the two women produces a final and carefully worded statement on the subject: "the bigger our organization the harder it will be for Immigration to survey us."

Reasonable enough conclusion if they do not keep membership lists lying around.

A query as to why OFDRI

contacted the Daily sets off a lengthy discourse on the condition of the immigrant worker. Sarna begins with a description of the role OFDRI sees itself playing. Being a voice for voiceless immigrants is the central theme.

Stella describes the obstacles immigrants face upon arrival in Canada. Female illegal immigrants usually find work as domestics. The work is endless and demeaning but the pay is cash, she says.

It's an underground river, Canada's 'other' economy. Nobody has statistics to determine the exact portion of the work force that is illegal immigrants but it is thought to be enormous (10% is the figure being bandied about by economists estimating the problem in the US).

The coffee session ends at my expense. I have been sufficiently sensitized to the point where my sympathies overwhelm my student frugality.

The two women exit hoping I am able to pass that feeling on to Daily readers.

Comment

MAG: polemics outdo policies

As is the case in most elections, the final days of the Montreal mayoralty campaign have witnessed a virtual plethora of mudslinging by all the parties concerned.

This has been accentuated by the formation of the Municipal Action Group, Montreal's latest opposition party, as a direct result of an ideological split in the MCM. Not surprisingly, most of the campaign has been based on the animosity caused by the year-old split. In the case of the MAG, it seems that old wounds heal slowly, if at all.

This is unfortunate, for it appears the only winner of this political dogfight could be Jean Drapeau, otherwise known as Montreal's very own version of Wiley E. Coyote.

Surely, even Drapeau must be surprised at the way the opposition has, in effect, ganged up on itself. Instead of concentrating on the relevant issues, such as pollution, housing, and transportation, the MAG has proved that it prefers red-baiting to any relevant analysis of the MCM's policies. MAG brochures, for example, have stated that the MCM's platform is based on "a rigid ideology of the left"; as well, they have labeled the MCM's neighbourhood councils mini-soviets. By doing so, they have played right into Drapeau's hands. It appears that the minnows are devouring each other, while the big fish is silently swimming away.

In fact, it appears the MAG team is simply another stop in the rotating door style politics practised by Bob Keaton and Nick Auf der Maur, the two founding members of the party.

Perhaps unwittingly, Keaton has just qualified himself for the Guinness Book of World Records: he changes political parties about as often as he changes his socks. The MAG platform seems to reflect this functional dualism: it is a combination of the Civic Party's autocracy, the old FRAP party's dogmatism, and the general lackadaisical character of the Democratic Alliance.

It is difficult to swallow how any political party can promise to reduce corporate taxes while increasing expenditures on the Mandarins' salaries and become involved in more social services.

Social services cost money. Any political party that attempts to offer the best of both worlds may as well throw in the democratic towel.

The eminence grise of the MAG, Nick Auf der Maur has attacked his opponents for parachuting candidates into ridings yet Keaton, his comrade-at-arms has to take three buses to get to his constituency.

By refusing to run the campaign on the merits of their program it appears that the MAGs have set the stage for another re-statement of the Drapist fiefdom.

At least Mussolini made the trains run on time. Will Messers Keaton, Auf der Maur and Joyal do the same with the buses (so they can reach their constituencies)?

Harl Goblin
Andrew Sortid

Letters

With apologies to the Queen's English

To the Daily

This letter is with regards to the current trend of sexist issues in Montreal life these days, and more specifically, in the Daily.

I submitted a notice for the Today Column of Nov. 9 and the notice was "doctored" by the Daily staff. My intention was to advertise an Alpha Delta Phi rush event at Bishop Mountain Hall. Being a men's fraternity, it seemed appropriate to point the ad directly at guys.

However, the Daily chose to

change the word "freshmen" to "freshpersons", and "freshpeople". Womens (sic) Libbers rejoice! Not only are chairmen now chairpersons, but freshmen are now freshpeople. After all the B.S. about the Wet T-Shirt Contest, this is the cherry on top of the whole stupid issue of womens (sic) rights. What the hell is wrong with you gals anyway? It seems that feminists can't enjoy life anymore without butting into everyone's business: i.e. paying customers were deprived of their right to see entertainment they paid for at the Elvis

Costello concert. The demonstrating women, (and accompanying men), blocked the doors of the Theatre St. Denis for sometime and then sat down for their rights!

Why are women upset with a bunch of wimpy-losers who would disappear if ignored, (The Battered Wives). The Daily covered the story and no mention was made of the pushing and rumbling that went on at the protest. Elizabeth Bolton says it was a peaceful demonstration and, therefore, made the police look brutal. Way to go ladies, you encouraged violence. I thought you were trying to stop it!

Therefore, this letter is pointed at the Daily, for editing pieces in an inconsiderate and unprofessional manner, and at the women of this community, who feel so insecure, ripped-off, and deprived that they think they should dump these problems on the rest of us.

Finally, why don't you, the Daily exercise more consideration and respect when editing. Tonight, I'll probably sell twice as many 25¢ beers because twice as many sexes are now invited. Thanks for considering the frat's budgeting for the night. I'm sure it'll be a great party and I'm looking forward to it, but I thought I'd let you know my opinions on your habits and on feminists' absurdity. I hope this appears as submitted.

Sam Eels

Bolton replies: Would that violence disappear if women ignored it! Unfortunately for feminists, gays, other political activists, and most unfortunately for battered women, such is not the case. The demonstrators in front of Théâtre St-Denis were trying to make just that point in the form of a peaceful protest and vigil.

ADGQ open letter

To the Daily:

Please publish this letter for the interest of all McGill students.

Francis Fuca,
Manager,
SST Typesetting
3480 McTavish St.
Dear Francis,

It has come to my attention that late last week you decided that hereafter employees of SST Typesetting would no longer be able to work on the premises on projects after their "normal work hours". As a former SST employee and a current customer I regard this decision to be a particularly arbitrary and perhaps discriminatory decision and I want to bring to your attention my views on this matter.

As you are quite aware until last week employees were able to undertake such projects without any sanctions, provided that they were of a relatively reasonable magnitude. The rationale behind this established practice was that since SST paid lower wages than most other non-union and union typesetting shops in the city

such undertakings were in a sense a compensation for this monetary discrepancy. As well it was viewed that employees would gain extra valuable experience by taking on work which would effectively enrich their graphic arts experience, and thus aid the production of SST as a whole. As you are equally aware this convention was not unique to SST since other typesetting shops practice the same policy.

In fact while I was previously one of those who participated in such projects, you as well carried out several projects under these circumstances. As such I find it particularly hypocritical that you have made such an abrupt about-face—especially since it emanates from an individual who purports to be a "progressive."

Why is it, then, that you have all of a sudden decided unilaterally that such an accepted practice will come to an end? And why have you chosen the *Forum* of the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition as your immediate scapegoat? In my opinion not only is this an act of arbitrary authority, it is also an act of discrimination. Whether or not you admit it, I believe your *motive* was discriminatory. The fact is that at least one other SST employee was not only doing non-SST work *during* work time, she was also being paid for it (i.e. two salaries for the same time). In the case of the *Forum*, it is a non-profit publication which is published only four times a year and could simply not exist if it were forced to pay typesetting costs. The net effect of your rash decision will either be to terminate publication of this gay liberation newsletter or to force it to seek typesetting services elsewhere.

You have explained your decision on the spurious grounds that such non-SST projects deplete supplies, and, more importantly, they cut across profit-maximization. As I proposed to you, the employees who want to take such projects on (and are not "forced" into such projects, as you claimed) should be charged for the supplies they consume. According to you this is entirely unreasonable for some unexplained reason.

On the other hand, to my knowledge SST has *never* been conceived of as a primarily profit-making enterprise, but rather as an essential service to the McGill community. If the Students' Society and you now believe otherwise, I would suggest that you provide the McGill community with a clear and unequivocal policy statement outlining this new perspective.

As well, your decision was not at all taken in consultation with those immediately affected—the SST employees—but was rather presented to them in a completely *de facto* fashion. So much for "employees' input." It will not

"increase profits," but only drive away these non-profit publications. In our opinion this is clearly an anti-worker policy since it only serves to impose further restriction on SST employees. What is next? A time-clock? Security guards to "enforce" the "maximization of profits"?

For these reasons we would call on you to seriously reconsider your hasty decision since it only adds to the well-known longstanding anti-worker and inefficient character of SST Typesetting. Otherwise we may be forced to urge that your customers boycott your services. It appears that, among other things, this decision only serves to confirm the old saying: "Out with the old dictator, in with the new." We hope to hear from you soon.

Stuart Russell
for the Comité de
presse de l'ADGQ

To the Daily:

In attempting to avoid the well-worn myths regarding the Civic Party in his Daily article of Nov. 8th, David Winch instead fell for appearances. He stated that "a visit to any Civic Party committee room reveals a surprising number of volunteers..." It takes more than just a casual visit to any Civic Party district office to discover that a portion of these "volunteers" are being paid by either hourly or piece rate for their "services."

While there is a lack of evidence to state that this overlooked fact applies to all Civic district offices, it is a confirmed procedure in several of them, notably those located in largely immigrant-populated areas.

Had it not been for the innocence of the 13 to 18-year-old kids who passed by our MCM offices requesting to be paid 3 dollars per poll as they had been by the Civic offices in the same districts for the distribution of material, we too would have been in the blind about the Civic Party's "surprising number of volunteers."

These incidences prompted us to inquire further and "much to our surprise" we discovered that the age range of those paid by the Civic offices during the first weeks of campaigning, was not strictly under 18 years of age.

Anne Roberson
McGill Student

To the Daily:

Why, Mr. Boychuk, why did you call your November 8 article on the Canadian dollar "Bank fat cats predict spring dollar rebound"? Nobody wants to be assaulted by political prejudice ("Fat Cats") on the front page. You wrote an objective, informative article but because of your headline I almost didn't read it. Save the twisted titles for the editorial page, Mr. Boychuk, and you'll avoid turning people off the Daily.

F.S. Tremblay
U1 Management

Ed. note: Reporters do not make up the headlines for their stories; the people involved in production do this.

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Amnesty International:

Anyone interested in joining or helping to organize an Amnesty International Chapter on McGill Campus please contact Irene (days) at 392-5890 or Bonnie (evenings) at 286-1600.

McGill Film Society:

Tonight at 7 and 9:30, *The Great White Hope*, starring James Earl Jones and Jane Alexander. Admission: \$1.25, Room L-132. Saturday night, same time and place *Take the Money and Run*, by Woody Allen. Admission: \$1.25.

Debating Union:

Informal debating practice to be held this afternoon at 3 pm in rm B16 in the Union.

Economic Policy:

All students are invited to an economic seminar to be given by Ian Stewart on "Governability and Economic Policy" at 3 pm in Leacock 212. Stewart is now chief economist of the Privy Council and has been rumoured to be a possible future Deputy Minister of Finance.

Disco Nite:

Malaysian-Singaporean Students' Association presents their Disco Nite at 8 pm in the Union ballroom. Admission: \$1.00 members and \$1.25 non-members. Beer only 50¢.

Radio Theatre auditions:

Any individual who wishes to act on Radio Theatre McGill, please leave a message for Sheldon Rappaport at 392-8936.

Faculty of Music free concerts:

Pollack Concert Hall 8:30 pm. The McGill Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Uri Mayer; Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K.550; Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D major, op. 73.

Graduate students:

Don't forget happy hour this and every Friday from 4 to 6 pm.

McGill Chinese Students' Society Choral Group:

Dinner party at 7 pm in Rm B01 Union. Nine authentic Chinese dishes will be served and the dinner will be followed by a film show.

Dept. of English Tuesday Night Café:

Presents "Dance for Gods" by/with Maxim Mazumdar at 8 pm Morrice Hall 106. \$2.00/\$1.00 at Sadie's, Art's 155, Morrice Hall "C". 392-5000 or 392-4637.

McGill Caribbean Students' Society Gala Dance:

Tomorrow 9 pm to 3 am in the Union Ballroom, 3480 McTavish St. Admission \$2. DJ Lloyd.

McGill Figure Skating Club:

A meeting to discuss this year's Ice Show will be held at 11:30 am in the McConnell Winter Stadium tomorrow. All interested please attend.

Middle East...

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understanding was that this was a system-wide effort."

Though Concordia has decided to apply this new policy, there will still be exceptions and students with extenuating circumstances, such as an error in academic advising or a course not offered in the summer, will still be given special consideration.

Grendon Haines, director of admissions at Loyola, said the conflicting policies of McGill and Concordia might be affecting the CEGEP students' choice of university.

"Obviously, if a student is accepted at McGill and refused at Concordia on the basis of his credit deficiencies, then he hasn't much of a choice, and this will affect where he is to go to university," he said.

Ethiopia...

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proud nationalists. They will not tolerate undue Russian interference in their internal affairs."

Erich described the Ethiopians as "the real children of Israel."

"Like the people of Israel," he said, "they see themselves as being superior to others. They see themselves as The Chosen People." It is for this reason, he believes, that they will not bow under Russian pressure.

Erich prophesied an alliance between Israel and Ethiopia being renewed at some future date.

At the end of Erich's speech a young Ethiopian man in the audience stood up and denounced Erich, calling many of his comments "absolutely false."

The Ethiopian said his countrymen do not see the role of Israel in Ethiopia as a positive one. He believes they see the Israeli government as being interested in the independence of Ethiopia only as an instrument to serve their own interests, and to undermine a regime they don't like. He also condemned Erich's view that the Ethiopian people consider themselves "The Chosen People."

The professor's reference to Ethiopians being "proud and unwilling to take a subservient position to any other power" was ridiculed by the Ethiopian as a patronizing gesture.

Vietnam needs help

by Pham-Huy-Minh

Recently, many natural calamities have ravaged Viet Nam.

In late September, Southern Viet Nam suffered big floods, causing heavy losses and damage in the southern parts of the country. With the rice fields of the Dong Nai, Kien Giang, Hau Giang Long An provinces still in ruin, another calamity has taken place in the northern parts of the country.

When the rice fields were getting ripe, promising bumper crops around the middle of September to the beginning of October, three tropical storms hit Northern Viet Nam, bringing strong winds and heavy rains. The rainfall brought from 600mm to 800mm (27" to 32"), equal to the rainfall of the previous year.

The storms and floods have caused severe losses and damage in nearly 10 provinces, including Ha Son Binh, Ha Nam Ninh, and Thanh Hoa, which are mainly rice and supplementary food-producing provinces in the northern part of the country.

There were nearly one hundred people killed by these storms. So far the losses and damage in both zones of Viet Nam caused by these floods and storms (excluding the latest storm) since the end of August are as follows:

1,285,000 hectares of crops under floods, the rice loss being 2.7 million tons
550,000 homes destroyed
4.1 million people affected;
of those, 2.7 million would

need emergency relief for a period of six months

This is the worst natural disaster in Viet Nam in 35 years and will affect the lives of the Vietnamese in the months to come.

The Vietnamese Community in Montreal, with the help and cooperation of many Vietnamese as well as Canadian Associations, has organized a Committee to Aid the Flood Victims in Viet Nam. The committee is appealing to all friends and humanitarian organizations in Canada to provide emergency relief and supplies to the Vietnamese in order to help them overcome severe difficulties in the stricken areas.

All cash and articles collected will be sent to the Viet Nam Red Cross as soon as possible.

Donations should be sent to the C.A.V.I. (Committee to Aid the Flood Victims in Viet Nam), P.O. Box 91, Station M, Montreal, Quebec H1V-3L6. Inquiries should be directed to the above address or phone the following numbers: (514) 735-4561, (514) 277-4143, (514) 844-4326. Upon receiving your cheques or money orders, the Committee will send you a receipt used for income tax purposes.

Erratum:

Due to technical problems an article by M. Finger in yesterday's paper should not have had her by-line.

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ELECTION SPECIAL

Opposition party hopeful:

Rags to riches to power on November 12?

by Harold Koblin

As most Montrealers have noted, municipal elections in Montreal have usually taken on the characteristics of the Soviet version of electoral politics: either you vote for the party, or you don't vote at all.

In the last four years, however, a new wave of opposition has swept across the city. Founded in 1974, the MCM was the first opposition party in Montreal history to provide significant opposition to Jean Drapeau's monolithic Civic Party.

In the past four and a half years, the MCM has evolved from a reform-minded group with 300 members to what is perhaps the greatest success story in the history of Canadian reform movements. The present party was formed in May 1974 as a coalition between the Parti Québécois, the NDP, the Montreal Inter-Trade Union Council, and the Progressive Urban Movement. Central to the concept of its formation was the idea that the MCM was to be an entirely new party, independent of the dominant ideologies of its ancestral groups.

As in the case of most new parties, the press gave the MCM little chance to succeed in the November 1974 civic elections. Critics compared the MCM to FRAP, the radical, erstwhile reform movement that, with a little help from the War Measures Act, managed to hand Drapeau the largest majority in Montreal history in the municipal election of November 1970.

Unlike FRAP, however, the MCM had a tangible, widespread base that involved most of the metropolitan community. In the 1974 elections, the MCM managed to capture slightly over 40% of the popular vote.

This was not enough for the MCM to form a government, but it did permit it to form the most sizeable opposition since 1960, the year in which the Civic Party first achieved power.

Since its election in 1974, the MCM has encountered considerable difficulty in its attempts to remain unified. The major splits in the party were caused by two separate, though not entirely unrelated events.

The primary cause of the MCM's crisis was the emergence of an extremely powerful left-of-centre group in 1975 which attempted to change the MCM into an organization based more on the dispensation of polemic than on urban reform. The split was extended by the departure of Bob Keaton and Nick Auf der Maur in early 1977. Keaton and Auf der Maur, two of the MCM's founding members, were forced to leave as a result of their abortive attempt at forming the Democratic Alliance, a provincial party created to capture the anti-Bourassa, anti-Bill 22 vote of the Montreal anglophone community. The departure of Keaton and Auf der Maur seemed to act as a catalyst in propelling the MCM back into a state of ideological moderation. Several months after their departure, the MCM

managed to purge its ultra-left minority and re-adopt the moderate program that had brought the party to power in 1974.

The MCM program, as it now stands, contains comprehensive solutions to the majority of the problems that plague Montreal.

Housing

The MCM housing program is based on the virtual absence of adequate low-cost housing in Montreal. Of the 440,000 housing units in Montreal, over 110,000 have been evaluated as needing renovation by Le Service de l'habitation de la Ville. Over 40% of all sub-standard housing units in Canada are in Montreal.

Faced with these facts, the MCM has evolved a policy that would force landlords to maintain or renovate housing units without levying large rent increases. The MCM would accomplish this by forming a government commission that could force landlords to make necessary repairs.

A major feature of the MCM is a proposal regarding rent increases.

According to Arnold Bennett, the incumbent MCM candidate in District 49, the current system of rent subsidies encourages landlords to let their buildings deteriorate so they can receive renovation subsidies. The landlords then raise their rents, forcing many tenants into the street.

"Even if a landlord acts in good faith," says Bennett, "he finds that he has no choice but to raise the rents because the evaluation of the building, and therefore, the amount paid in taxes, tends to increase following renovation."

The MCM would put a five-year freeze on property evaluations following renovations, a move which they claim should increase the quality and quantity of affordable, renovated housing.

The MCM would also use public funds to convert existing apartment buildings and row-housing into co-ops. As well, the MCM would encourage the formation of tenants associations, which "would give tenants the right to deal collectively with their landlords."

Transport Policy

According to Bennett, bus and metro tickets would cost 13 cents if the public transportation system received the same amount of funding as that made available to subsidize the drivers of private automobiles.

Under the present system, the use of private cars is en-

couraged by the construction of public parking lots, and through road improvement and maintenance. The majority of these subsidies go towards paying for the massive influx of suburbanites to the city's core each work day. The current system of transportation subsidies in Montreal sponsors the development of facilities that serve suburban residents; that is, people who don't pay taxes to the City of Montreal.

According to the MCM program, these funds would be redirected into the transit system, in the hope of eventually making public transportation free for all Montrealers.



the jurisdiction of any Montreal government, be it MAG, MCM, or Civic. The system, or parts of it do appear to be immediately practical. One of the MCM's proposals, the establishment of a fare card system, has already been implemented in Winnipeg, and in Ottawa.

Fiscal Reform

Unlike the Civic Party, which promises to simply cut taxes, the MCM policy on fiscal reform is based on the implementation of a progressive tax structure in which "the system of collection is based on the people's ability to pay. In keeping with this theme, the MCM would replace the present system, which indexes municipal taxes to property values, with a tax system based on individual and corporate incomes. The MCM would also abolish water and service taxes for all senior citizens, and for all welfare recipients.

Democracy

One of the MCM's more controversial policies is its plan to relocate the city's administrative structures into a series of strategically located neighbourhood offices. This would entail the creation of autonomous neighbourhood councils that would supervise the allocation of municipal resources, and handle all complaints about the civic administration.

Overall, the MCM's platform has not changed significantly since the party was formed four years ago. Since its formation, however, the nature of Montreal's political system has changed almost entirely. It remains to be seen whether the voters will choose the essentially reformist MCM, the moderately reformist MAG, or the stale, sedentary Civic Party.

MAG and MCM not bedfellows

by Harold Koblin

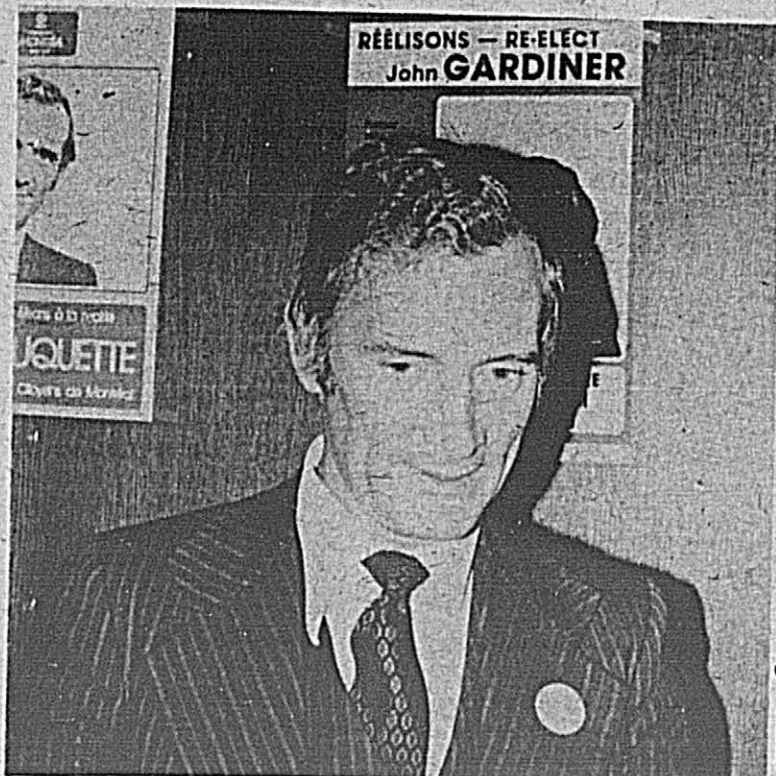
Recent rumours of a merger between the Montreal Citizens' Movement and the Municipal Action Group are totally unfounded, according to MCM candidate Michael Fainstat.

Fainstat, in an interview with the Daily, claimed that any attempts by the MAG to initiate a coalition would be rejected outright because "we will not compromise on the principles of our program."

Fainstat was also critical of

the MAG program. "They just took scissors and took, holus bolus, the parts of our program that we've spent over four years developing. It may be possible for us to share parts of the workload, but there will not be any coalition."

In a related story, Serge Joyal, the MAG mayoralty candidate, also stated yesterday that he would not attempt to form a coalition with the MCM.



Guy Duquette wants to put Jean Drapeau out of a job on November 12.